

- Welcome to the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update Program EIR Public Scoping Meeting.

* Link to Public Scoping Meeting Notice:

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/PP09-011_ENVISION2040/PublicScopingMeetingNotice.pdf

Public Scoping Meeting Agenda

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- Environmental Process
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Open Forum

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Purpose of Public Scoping Meeting

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- The purpose of the Public Scoping Meetings is to inform the public and agencies of the proposed project and the environmental review process and to obtain input on the EIR analysis for the proposal.

* Link to Notice of Preparation (NOP):

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/PP09-011_ENVISION2040/PP09-011GP_NOP_7-23.pdf

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Project Overview

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- Each city and county in California is required by the state to prepare and adopt a General Plan that provides a comprehensive, long-term plan for the physical development of the city or county.
- The City of San José's current General Plan, Focus on the Future San José 2020, was adopted by the City Council in 1994. Since then various amendments to the General Plan have been approved, but the plan has not been comprehensively revised in 15 years.
- The Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update effort began with early community outreach in the winter and spring of 2007 and the City Council formally initiated the Update process in June 2007. A 37-member Envision San José 2040 Task Force was appointed by the City Council and convened in September 2007 to guide the development of the General Plan.
- The Task Force has been meeting once or twice a month since then to discuss numerous topics. A copy of the Tentative Task Force Work Plan is available on the Envision San José 2040 web page and you are welcome to attend any of the upcoming Task Force meetings.

Draft Vision



- One of the key early accomplishments of the Update process was the collaboration between the community and the Task Force in the development of the Envision San José 2040 Vision. This Vision is intended to describe what the people of San José want their City to become through the successful implementation of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan.

- As you can see by this graphic there are seven elements that contribute to the Vision, including: interconnected city, healthy neighborhoods, and environmental leadership.

- The Vision is still a draft, so it could continue to be refined through the Update process.

* Link to Draft Vision:

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update/meetings/1-28-08/Envision2040_Vision_Graphic.pdf

How to Plan for Growth?

Task Force Land Use / Transportation Guidelines:

- Plan for People not just cars
- Meet the needs of business that drive innovation
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled and green house gasses
- Provide adequate land for new job and housing growth
- Create walkable and bike friendly “neighborhood villages”
- Create complete and vibrant regional “hubs”



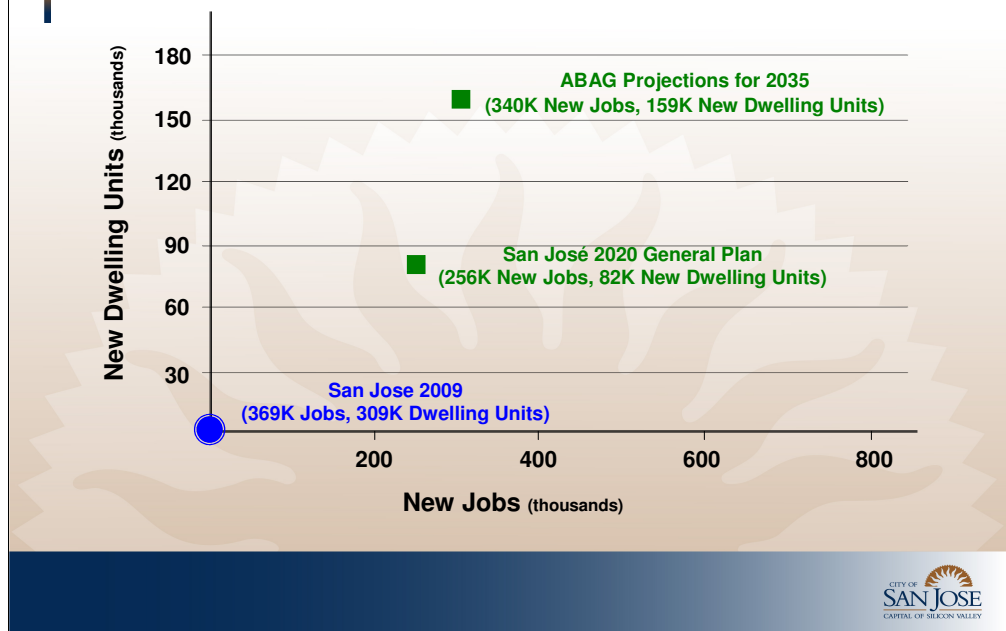
- The next key accomplishment was the development of a set of Land Use / Transportation Guidelines for evaluating possible growth scenarios.

- This slide identifies some of the basic themes from the Guidelines, but the general idea is that we should, at the end of this process, have a land use plan that contributes to the development of walkable neighborhood villages and vibrant urban locations at strategic areas throughout the City, and is environmentally sustainable, fiscally responsible, and makes prudent use of existing transit facilities and other infrastructure.

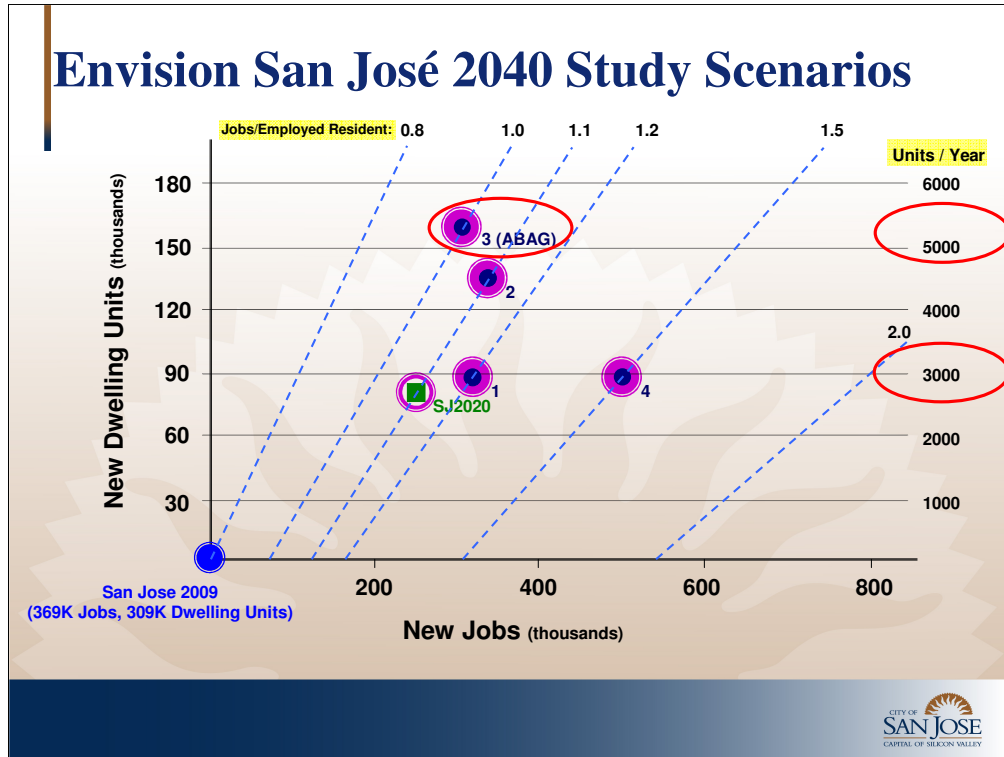
* Link to Draft Land Use / Transportation Scenario Guidelines:

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update/docs/Scenario_Guidelines%20Wrkng_Drft_Sep_08.pdf

How Much Growth Capacity?



- A key question that the Task Force considered is how much job and housing growth capacity should be included within the City's General Plan.
- Some of the information that helped frame the question about how much growth capacity we should plan for is illustrated by this chart.
- San José currently has approximately 369,000 jobs and 309,000 dwelling units.
- Our current General Plan, *Focus on the Future San José 2020*, has capacity for an additional 256,000 new jobs and 82,000 new dwelling units.
- The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) projects that San José will grow by 340,000 new jobs and 159,000 new dwelling units by 2035.

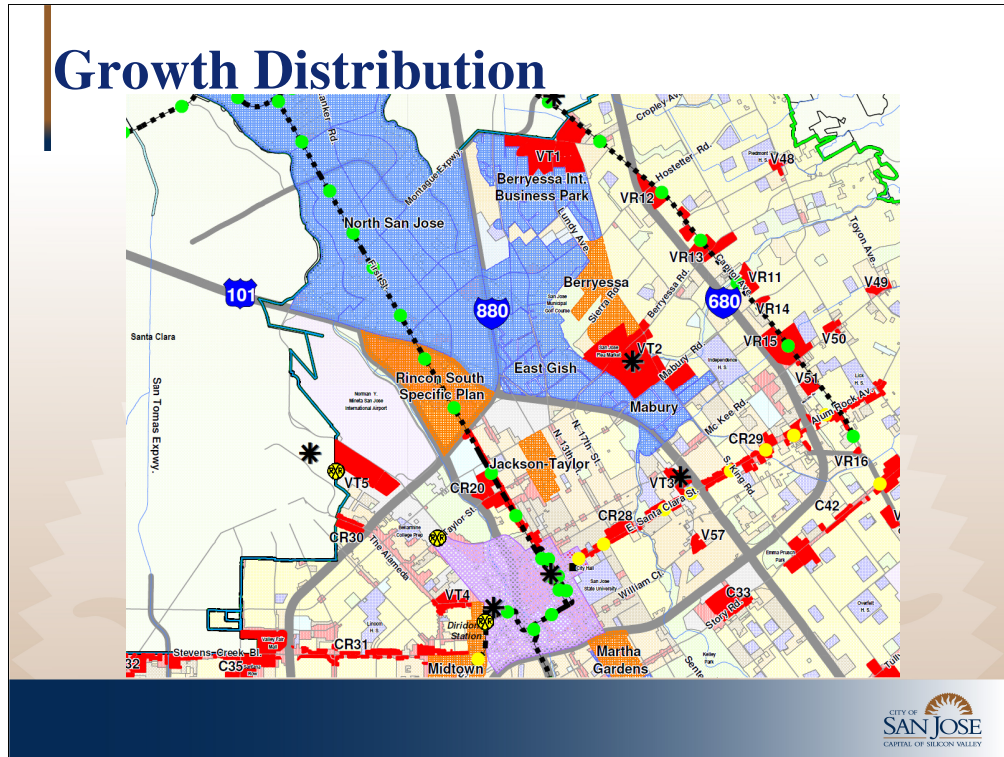


- After considering many possible growth scenarios and receiving significant input from a community workshop and other meetings, the Envision 2040 Task Force recommended and the City Council approved 4 scenarios to be studied from both the fiscal and environmental perspective.

- One of the components of the scenarios that the Task Force felt was important to test was Jobs/Housing balance, which is the ratio of jobs to employed residents. A balance would be one job for every employed resident in San José. It is generally believed that achieving a Jobs/Housing balance would result in a reduction in transportation-related environmental impacts, mostly from people needing to commute less. It is also thought that the fiscal health of the City could be improved by improving the Jobs/Housing balance.

- Different ratios of Jobs to Employed Residents are illustrated on this chart by the dashed blue lines. Currently San José has a Jobs to Employed Resident ratio of about 0.8, which means we have many more employed residents when compared to the number of jobs. Full use of the growth in Scenario 3, or the ABAG projection, would result in a 1.0 Jobs to Employed Resident ratio, which represents a balance. Full growth in Scenario 4 at 1.5 Jobs per Employed Resident would mean the City of San José would have more jobs than employed residents.

- This chart also shows approximately how many units would need to be built every year to achieve the different scenarios. Build-out of Scenario 3 would require construction of a little over 5,000 units per year. To put this in perspective, since the 1980s San José has grown, on the average, by about 3,000 new units per year, including throughout the recent strong housing market.



- After it was determined how much total growth should be studied in each scenario, the next task was to figure out where and how the growth in each of the scenarios should be distributed.

- In addition to including the jobs and/or housing growth capacity in areas already planned for growth (North San José, Downtown, specific plan areas), the Task Force identified specific Corridors and Villages, which could accommodate the remaining jobs and housing growth capacity planned in each scenario. These corridors and villages are potential growth areas that are located near existing or planned transit or other infrastructure and which include underutilized land, such as older shopping centers.

- Each corridor and village is classified by proximity to existing or planned BART, Caltrain, Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit. There are some “neighborhood villages” that have been identified, but as they are not located near major fixed transit facilities they are not anticipated for significant intensification, but they could serve as a vibrant village center within easy access of the surrounding neighborhood.

- The planned and identified growth areas map and tables for each of the scenarios can be found on the Envision website.

* Link to Planned and Identified Growth Areas Map:

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update/docs/Growth_Areas_Low-Res.pdf

Growth Distribution

Key Planning Principles:

- **No Expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)**
- **No Growth in Coyote Valley or South Almaden Valley Urban Reserves**
- **No Conversion of the Evergreen Campus Industrial Properties**



The Study Scenarios recommended by the Task Force and approved by the City Council include these key planning principles:

- No expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
- No growth in either the Coyote Valley or South Almaden Valley Urban Reserves, and
- No conversion of the Evergreen Campus Industrial Properties.

Development Typologies

Higher Growth Scenarios - Commercial Development



- These are some examples of what you might see in terms of commercial development in the villages and corridors. Depending on the particular location, the buildings could range from 4 to 8 stories and may have retail on the lower floors with office above. If there is a particular interface issue a building should step down in height.
- The bottom two pictures are examples of what you might see in the higher job growth scenarios and not on all sites.

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Higher Growth Scenarios - Residential Development



- These are some examples of the scale of residential development that might occur within the villages and corridors. The buildings could range between 4 and 8 stories and could include retail and/or office uses on the lower floors with residential above. Again, when there is a particular sensitive interface issue the buildings should step down in height.

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Environmental Process

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Schedule of Opportunities for Public Input

Notice of Preparation (Written comments)	July 31, 2009 to August 31, 2009
Public Scoping Meetings (Written and verbal comments)	August 12 and 19, 2009
Draft Program EIR circulated for public review (Written comments must be received by the end of the circulation period)	December 2010
First Amendment to the Draft Program EIR (Response to Comments will be circulated to all that have commented on the Draft EIR)	May 2011
Planning Commission Hearing (Verbal Comments can be made at the hearing for Certification of the Final Program EIR)	May 2011
City Council Hearing (If applicable, City Council hears appeal and adopts findings)	June 2011

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Scoping and Environmental Issues

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Main Issues

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Public Facilities
- Global Climate Change



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Other Issues

- Noise and Vibration
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hydrology
- Hazardous Materials
- Cultural Resources
- Aesthetics
- Energy Use



- Other Issues

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Other Issues

- Population and Housing
- Growth Inducement
- Consistency with Plans and Policies
- Cumulative Impacts
- Alternatives



- Other Issues (cont.)

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Public Questions and Comments



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EIR Information

www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/EIR.asp

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